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WOMEN AS APPROVED FOR ECOSOC

REF: A) GENEVA 9975; (B) GENEVA 9979; (C) GENEVA 9989,
(D) GENEVA 9781

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING CONTAINS TEXT OF REMAINING DRAFT ARTICLES
ON CONVENTION AS APPROVED BY STYLE COMMITTEE OF THE UN
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN ON DEC 17. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT ARTICLE 3

STATES PARTIES SHALL UNDERTAKE IN ALL FIELDS, IN PARTICULAR,
POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES,
INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE, TO ENSURE THE FULL DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT
OF WOMEN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GUARANTEEING THEM THE EXERCISE AND
ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS ON A BASIS
OF EQUALITY WITH MEN.

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ARTICLE 5

1. STATES PARTIES SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO MODIFY THE
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PATTERNS OF CONDUCT OF MEN AND WOMEN WITH A
VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE ELIMINATION OF PREJUDICES AND CUSTOMARY AND
ALL OTHER PRACTICES WHICH ARE BASED ON THE IDEA OF THE INFERIORITY,

OR THE SUPERIORITY OF EITHER OF THE SEXES OR ON STEREOTYPED
ROLES FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

2. SUITABLE FAMILY EDUCATION SHOULD INCLUDE A PROPER UNDERSTANDING
OF MOTHERHOOD AS A SOCIAL FUNCTION AND THE RECOGNITION OF THE COMMON
RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN IN THE UPBRINGING AND
DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN.

ARTICLE 6

EACH STATE PARTY AGREES TO REPEAL ALL PROVISIONS OF NATIONAL PENAL
CODES WHICH CONSTITUTE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN.

ARTICLE 7

EACH STATE PARTY AGREES TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES, INCLUDING
LEGISLATION TO COMBAT ALL FORMS OF TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND EXPLOITA-
TION OF PROSTITUTION OF WOMEN.

POLITICAL RIGHTS

ARTICLE 8

STATES PARTIES SHALL UNDERTAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE
TO WOMEN ON EQUAL TERMS WITH MEN, WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION,
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL AND PUBLIC
LIFE OF THE COUNTRY, AND IN PARTICULAR:

- (A) TO VOTE IN ALL ELECTIONS AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO
ALL PUBLICLY ELECTED BODIES;
 - (B) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMULATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY AND THE
ADMINISTRATION THEREOF AND TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE AND PERFORM
ALL THE PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS;
 - (C) TO VOTE IN ALL PUBLIC REFERENDA;
 - (D) TO PARTICIPATE IN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSO-
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CIATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE PUBLIC AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY.

ARTICLE 9

STATES PARTIES SHALL GRANT SPOUSES EQUAL RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE CHANGE
OR RETAIN THEIR NATIONALITY AND SHALL REQUIRE, IN PARTICULAR,
THAT NEITHER MARRIAGE OF A PERSON TO, NOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
FROM, AN ALIEN NOR THE CHANGE OF NATIONALITY BY AN ALIEN PERSON
DURING MARRIAGE SHALL AUTOMATICALLY CHANGE ONE'S NATIONALITY,
RENDER ONE STATELESS OR FORCE UPON ONE THE NATIONALITY OF THE
SPOUSE.

THE ALIEN HUSBAND OR WIFE OF ONE OF ITS NATIONALS MAY, AT HIS
OR HER REQUEST, ACQUIRE THE NATIONALITY OF HIS OR HER SPOUSE THROUGH
SPECIALLY PRIVILEGED NATURALIZATION PROCEDURES; THE GRANTING
OF SUCH NATIONALITY IS SUBJECT TO SUCH LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE
IMPOSED IN THE INTERESTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY, PUBLIC POLICY
OR CERTAIN PENAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS TAKEN AGAINST
THE APPLICANT.

THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AFFECTING ANY

LEGISLATION OR JUDICIAL PRACTICE BY WHICH THE ALIEN HUSBAND OR WIFE OF ONE OF ITS NATIONALS MAY, AT HIS/HER REQUEST, ACQUIRE HIS/HER SPOUSE'S NATIONALITY AS A MATTER OF RIGHT.

STATS PARTIES AGREE TO GRANT WOMEN EQUAL RIGHTS WITH MEN TO TRANSMIT THEIR NATIONALITY TO THEIR CHILDREN.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS

ARTICLE 10

EACH STATES PARTY AGREES TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE WOMEN, MARRIED OR UNMARRIED, EQUAL RIGHTS WITH MEN IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, WHICH EDUCATION SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN PERSONALITY AND THE SENSE OF ITS DIGNITY, AND SHALL STRENGTHEN THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. IN PARTICULAR, EACH STATE SHALL ENSURE:

(A) EQUAL CONDITIONS FOR CAREER GUIDANCE, ACCESS TO STUDIES AND ACHIEVEMENT OF A DIPLOMA SHALL BE ENSURED IN EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS OF ALL CATEGORIES IN RURAL AS WELL AS IN URBAN AREAS. THIS EQUALITY IS TO BE ENSURED IN PRE-SCHOOLING, GENERAL, TECHNICAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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PROFESSIONAL, HIGHER, INCLUDING HIGHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AS WELL AS IN ALL TYPES OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING;

(B) EQUAL ACCESS TO THE SAME CURRICULA, THE SAME EXAMINATIONS, TEACHING STAFF WITH QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SAME STANDARD, AND SCHOOL PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT OF THE SAME QUALITY, WHETHER THE INSTITUTIONS ARE CO-EDUCATIONAL OR NOT;

(C) THE SPEEDY ACHIEVEMENT OF CO-EDUCATION WHICH WILL ALSO HELP TO ELIMINATE ANY STEREOTYPED CONCEPT OF MASCULINE AND FEMININE ROLES AT ALL LEVELS AND IN ALL FORMS OF EDUCATION;

(D) EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO BENEFIT FROM SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER STUDY GRANTS;

(E) EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ACCESS TO PROGRAMMES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION, INCLUDING ADULT AND FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROGRAMMES, PARTICULARLY AIMED AT REDUCING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME THE KNOWLEDGE GAP EXISTING BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN;

(F) MEASURES TO REDUCE THE SCHOOL DROPOUT RATE AMONG GIRLS AND THE PROVISION OF PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG GIRLS WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL TOO EARLY;

(G) ACCESS TO SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION TO HELP IN ENSURING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF FAMILIES, THIS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON FAMILY PLANNING.

ARTICLE 11

1. STATES PARTIES SHALL UNDERTAKE TO ADOPT ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE TO WOMEN, MARRIED OR UNMARRIED, EQUAL RIGHTS WITH MEN IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE AND, IN PARTICULAR:

(A) THE RIGHT TO WORK AS AN INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS;

(B) THE RIGHT WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION ON GROUNDS OF CIVIL STATUS OR ANY OTHER GROUNDS TO RECEIVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND RETRAINING, TO FREE CHOICE OF PROFESSION AND EMPLOYMENT, TO PROMOTION AND JOB

SECURITY;

(C) THE RIGHT TO EQUAL REMUNERATION WITH MEN FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE
AND TO THE EQUALITY OF TREATMENT IN RESPECT OF THE EVALUATION
OF QUALITY OF WORK OF EQUAL VALUE, AS DEFINED IN THE CONVENTIONS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION ON THIS SUBJECT;

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(D) THE RIGHT EQUALLY WITH MEN TO SOCIAL SECURITY, PARTICULARLY
IN CASE OF RETIREMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS, INVALIDITY AND
OLD AGE OR OTHER INCAPACITY TO WORK, AS WELL AS THE RIGHT TO PAID
LEAVE;

(E) THE RIGHT TO FAMILY BENEFITS ON EQUAL TERMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN;

(F) TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND
TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ON THE BASIS OF SEX.

2. IN ORDER TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF
MARRIAGE OR MATERNITY AND TO ENSURE THEIR EFFECTIVE RIGHT TO WORK
STATES PARTIES SHALL UNDERTAKE MEASURES:

(A) PROHIBITING - SUBJECT TO THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES-DIS-
MISSAL ON GROUNDS OF MARRIAGE, PREGNANCY OR MATERNITY LEAVE;

(B) TO PROGRESSIVELY INTRODUCE PAID LEAVE FOR PREGNANCY AND
MATERNITY, WITHOUT LOSS OF THE JOB HELD AND WITHOUT LOSS OF SOCIAL
ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS, THE PERIODS OF LEAVE BEING TREATED AS
EQUIVALENT TO PERIODS OF WORK ACTUALLY PERFORMED. THE COST OF
THIS PROTECTION SHOULD BE BORNE BY SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS OR OTHER
PUBLIC FUNDS OR COLLECTIVE SYSTEMS;

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(C) TO ENCOURAGE THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY SUPPORTIVE SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING POSSIBILITIES OF CHILD-CARE SERVICES AND TO GRANT WOMEN FREE MEDICAL SERVICES DURING PREGNANCY, CONFINEMENT AND THE POST-NATAL PERIOD.

ARTICLE 12

STATES PARTIES SHALL TAKE ALL MEASURES TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THEM EQUALITY AS PARTICIPANTS AND AS BENEFICIARIES OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICULARLY THE RIGHT TO:

- (A) PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FROM THE LOCAL TO THE NATIONAL LEVELS;
- (B) RECEIVE ADEQUATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES, INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING ADVICE AND SERVICES; AS WELL AS PERSONAL RIGHTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH MEN;
- (C) OBTAIN ALL TYPES OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION, FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL INCLUDING FUNCTIONAL LITERACY AS WELL AS THE BENEFIT OF ALL COMMUNITY AND EXTENSION SERVICES;
- (D) PARTICIPATE EQUALLY IN ALL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING CO-OPERATIVES;
- (E) OBTAIN EQUAL ACCESS TO CREDIT AND LOANS; MARKETING FACILITIES; APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES AND EQUAL TREATMENT IN LAND AND AGRARIAN REFORM AS WELL AS LAND RESETTLEMENT SCHEMES.

ARTICLE 13

THE STATES PARTIES SHALL ENCOURAGE MEASURES TO ENABLE PARENTS TO COMBINE FULFILMENT OF FAMILY AND PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS WITH ACTIVITY IN THE LABOUR FORCE, IN PROFESSIONS AND IN PUBLIC LIFE AND SHALL FOR THAT PURPOSE PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILD-CARE FACILITIES AS NEEDED AS A CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT OF GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

1. THAT APPROPRIATE MEASURES BE TAKEN INCLUDING LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL WORKERS, MALE AND FEMALE, IN THEIR CONDI

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TIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

3. PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION APPLYING TO WOMEN SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE, AND SHOULD BE REVOKED, REPEALED OR EXTENDED TO ALL WORKERS AS NECESSARY.
4. STATES PARTIES SHALL ADOPT MEASURES TO EXTEND SPECIAL PROTECTION TO WOMEN FOR TYPES OF WORK PROVED TO BE HARMFUL FOR THEM FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THEIR SOCIAL FUNCTION OF REPRODUCTION AND SUCH

MEASURES SHALL BE REVIEWED AND BROUGHT UP TO DATE PERIODICALLY IN CASES WHERE SUCH LIMITATIONS ARE DISCRIMINATORY, WITH REGARD TO FREE CHOICE OF EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND IN THE LIGHT OF ADVANCES IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE.

CIVIL AND FAMILY RIGHTS

ARTICLE 14

1. THE STATES PARTIES SHALL ACCORD TO WOMEN EQUALITY WITH MEN BEFORE THE LAW.
2. THE STATES PARTIES SHALL ACCORD TO WOMEN A CIVIL AND LEGAL CAPACITY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF MEN, AND THE EXERCISE OF THAT CAPACITY. THEY SHALL IN PARTICULAR GIVE THEM EQUAL RIGHTS TO CONCLUDE CONTRACTS AND ADMINISTER PROPERTY AND TREAT THEM EQUALLY IN ALL STAGES OF PROCEDURE IN COURTS AND TRIBUNALS.
3. THE STATES PARTIES AGREE THAT ALL CONTRACTS AND ALL OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENTS OF ANY KIND DIRECTED AT RESTRICTING THE LEGAL CAPACITY OF WOMEN SHALL BE DEEMED NULL AND VOID.
4. STATES PARTIES SHALL ACCORD TO MEN AND WOMEN THE SAME RIGHTS WITH REGARD TO THE LAW ON THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS AND THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE THEIR RESIDENCE AND DOMICILE.

ARTICLE 15

1. THE STATES PARTIES SHALL ADOPT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE FULL EQUALITY OF WOMEN WITH MEN IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONS, INCLUDING:
 - (A) THE SAME RIGHT AS MEN TO ENTER INTO THE MARRIAGE STATE;
 - (B) THE SAME RIGHT AS MEN TO FREE CHOICE OF A SPOUSE AND TO ENTER INTO MARRIAGE ONLY WITH THEIR FREE AND FULL CONSENT;
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- (C) EQUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH MEN DURING MARRIAGE AND AT ITS DISSOLUTION;
- (D) WOMEN, WHETHER MARRIED OR NOT, HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH MEN IN MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR CHILDREN. IN ALL CASES THE INTERESTS OF CHILDREN SHALL BE PARAMOUNT;
- (E) THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN TO DECIDE FREELY AND RESPONSIBLY ON THE NUMBER AND SPACING OF THEIR CHILDREN AND TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND MEANS TO ENABLE THEM TO EXERCISE THIS RIGHT;
- (F) RECOGNITION OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES AND ALSO OF AN EQUAL RIGHT TO ADOPT CHILDREN;
- (G& RECOGNITION OF THE EQUAL PERSONAL RIGHTS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE A FAMILY NAME, A PROFESSION AND AN OCCUPATION;

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(H) RECOGNITION OF EQUAL RIGHTS OF BOTH SPOUSES IN RESPECT OF THE OWNERSHIP, ACQUISITION, MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, ENJOYMENT, DISPOSITION - WHETHER FREE OF CHARGE OR FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION- OR INHERITANCE OF PROPERTY, WHETHER IT BE PROPERTY OWNED BY ONE SPOUSE OR JOINT PROPERTY.

2. THE BETROTHAL AND THE MARRIAGE OF A CHILD SHALL BE PROHIBITED AND EFFECTIVE ACTION, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, SHALL BE TAKEN TO SPECIFY A MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE AND TO MAKE THE REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES IN AN OFFICIAL REGISTRY COMPULSORY.

3. TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SINGLE PARENTS AND TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PRINCIPLE PROCLAIMED IN THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD THAT ALL CHILDREN SHALL BE PROTECTED IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR BIRTH, THE STATES PARTIES SHALL PROVIDE THAT ALL CHILDREN SHALL ENJOY EQUAL RIGHTS AND EQUAL LEGAL AND SOCIAL PROTECTION.

FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 16

1. NOTHING IN THIS CONVENTION SHALL AFFECT THE PROVISIONS OF
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DOMESTIC LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN A STATE PARTY IF THEY ARE MORE FAVOURABLE TO WOMEN.

2. SIMILARLY, NOTHING IN THIS CONVENTION SHOULD AFFECT EXISTING CONVENTIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

OR ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND HAVING AS THEIR OBJECT THE REGULATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IF THEY PROVIDE FOR MORE EXTENSIVE RIGHTS FOR WOMEN.

ARTICLE 17

1. THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL BE OPEN FOR SIGNATURE BY ALL STATES.
2. THE PRESENT CONVENTION IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION, INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION SHALL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
3. THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL BE OPEN TO ACCESSION BY ANY STATE. ACCESSION SHALL BE EFFECTED BY THE DEPOSIT OF AN INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

ARTICLE 18

1. A REQUEST FOR THE REVISION OF THIS CONVENTION MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME BY ANY STATE PARTY BY MEANS OF A NOTIFICATION IN WRITING ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHALL DECIDE UPON THE STEPS, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN IN RESPECT OF SUCH A REQUEST.

ARTICLE 19

1. STATES PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO ADOPT MEASURES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MACHINERY AND PROCEDURES AIMED AT ACHIEVING THE FULL REALIZATION OF THE RIGHTS RECOGNIZED IN THE PRESENT CONVENTION.
 2. (A) EVERY TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION, STATES PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REPORTS ON THE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE OR OTHER MEASURES WHICH THEY HAVE ADOPTED AND ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRESENT CONVENTION. REPORTS MAY INDICATE FACTORS AND DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING THE DEGREE
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OF FULFILMENT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PRESENT CONVENTION.
(A) IN PREPARING THEIR REPORTS STATES PARTIES SHALL MAKE USE OF NATIONAL MACHINERY ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND OF THE APPROPRIATE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.
(C) STATES PARTIES SHALL FURNISH THEIR REPORTS IN STAGES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PROGRAMME TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE AD HOC GROUP, SET UP UNDER THIS ARTICLE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE STATES PARTIES AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED.

3. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION BY THE STATES PARTIES, THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN SHALL ESTABLISH AN AD HOC GROUP CONSISTING OF 10 TO 15 PERSONS. THE GROUP SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE COMMISSION FROM AMONG ITS OWN MEMBERS WHO ARE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION AND FROM AN ADDITIONAL LIST OF PERSONS NOMINATED BY STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE

COMMISSION, CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND REPRESENTATION OF DIFFERING LEGAL SYSTEMS. THOSE ELECTED TO THE GROUP SHALL SERVE IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY AND SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

4. THE AD HOC GROUP SHALL NORMALLY MEET FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

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5. THE AD HOC GROUP SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND MAY MAKE GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE REPORTS FROM THE STATES PARTIES. THE COMMISSION SHALL TRANSMIT THE REPORT OF THE GROUP TOGETHER WITH ITS OWN COMMENTS, TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

6. SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROVISIONS OF THIS CONVENTION AS FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. THEY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED BY THEM OR UNDER THEIR AUSPICES.

7 THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT PERIODICALLY TO

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF A GENERAL NATURE AND A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE STATES PARTIES TO THE PRESENT CONVENTION AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ON THE MEASURES TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS MADE IN ACHIEVING FULL OBSERVANCE OF THE RIGHTS RECOGNIZED IN THE PRESENT CONVENTION.

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8. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MAY BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS THEIR SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH FURNISHING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON ANY MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORTS REFERRED TO IN THIS PART OF THE PRESENT CONVENTION WHICH MAY ASSIST SUCH BODIES IN DECIDING, EACH WITHIN ITS FIELD OF COMPETENCE, ON THE ADVISABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL MEASURES LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVE PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 20

1. THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE THIRTIETH DAY AFTER THE DATE OF DEPOSIT WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE TWENTIETH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION.

2. FOR EACH STATE RATIFYING THIS CONVENTION OR ACCEDING TO IT AFTER THE DEPOSIT OF THE TWENTIETH INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION, THE PRESENT CONVENTION SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE THIRTIETH DAY AFTER THE DATE OF THE DEPOSIT OF ITS OWN INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION.

ARTICLE 21

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHALL INFORM STATES OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS AND ACCESSIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17;
- (B) THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PRESENT CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE 20.

ARTICLE 22

THIS CONVENTION, THE RUSSIAN, CHINESE, ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH TEXTS OF WHICH ARE EQUALLY AUTHENTIC, SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. DULY CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS CONVENTION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE

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GOVERNMENTS OF THE SIGNATORY AND ACCEDING STATES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED, DULY AUTHORIZED, HAVE SIGNED
THIS CONVENTION.

THE COMMISSION ALSO ADOPTED THIS ADDITIONAL ARTICLE ON RESERVATIONS
THE PLACING OF WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED AS YET:

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHALL RECEIVE AND
CIRCULATE TO ALL STATES WHICH ARE OR MAY BECOME PARTIES TO THIS
CONVENTION RESERVATIONS MADE BY STATES AT THE TIME OF RATIFICATION OR
ACCESSION. ANY STATE WHICH OBJECTS TO THE RESERVATION SHALL, WITHIN
A PERIOD OF NINETY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE SAID
NOTIFY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT IT DOES NOT ACCEPT IT.

2. A RESERVATION INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE OBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS
CONVENTION SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED, NOR SHALL A RESERVATION THE
EFFECT OF WHICH WOULD INHIBIT THE OPERATION OF THE AD HOC GROUP
ESTABLISHED BY THIS CONVENTION BE ALLOWED. A RESERVATION SHALL
BE CONSIDERED INCOMPATIBLE OR INHIBITIVE IF AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF
THE STATES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION OBJECT TO IT.

3. RESERVATIONS MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME BY NOTIFICATION TO THIS
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